

Docket No. JCLA12124
US App. No. 10/719,343

REMARKS

Status of the Application

Claims 1-3 are pending, of which claim 2 is allowed, and claims 1 and 3 are rejected under 35 USC 103 and 112, second paragraph. Specification is objected to for minor informalities.

Applicant has amended claims 1 and 3. No new matter adds through the amendments. For the reasons discussed below, withdrawal of the rejections is requested.

Specification

The specification is objected to for informalities. Applicant has amended the specification to correct the informalities.

Therefore, withdrawal of the objection is requested.

Claim Rejections- 35 U.S.C. 112, Second Paragraph

Claims 1 and 3 are rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph. More specifically, the unit of measure of Young modulus is not given in claim 3, and the term "pitch" as used in claim 1 is unclear.

Applicant has amended claim 1 to more clearly define the invention.

It is believed the amendments made to the claims overcome the rejections. Withdrawal of the rejection is requested.

Claim Rejections- 35 U.S.C. 103(a)

Claims 1 and 3 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Makino (6,517,328) in view of Ueno (6,440,583).

Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection for the reasons discussed below.

The amended claim 1 recites that a plurality of ribs are formed on the first aluminum member and arranged along the engaging portion of the first aluminum member with a predetermined pitch. The amended claim 3 recites that a plurality of ribs are formed on the cover member and arranged in the entire circumference of the cover member with a predetermined pitch. Neither Makino nor Ueno teaches or suggests these features.

For the reasons discussed above, claims 1 and 3 are patentable over Makino nor Ueno.

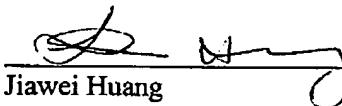
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Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that all pending claims 1-3 are now in condition for allowance. Allowance of this application is earnestly solicited.

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